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Executive Order

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Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

United Press News Coverage

1. On 16 September, OCI received a call from the DD/I's office requesting information concerning a United Press news dispatch. The only information given was that the point of origin was Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and the subject was atomic energy.

2. OCI then discovered, by many phone calls, that there is no United Press news ticker in the entire agency. Finally, through a contact in the State Department, the answer was secured by phone. This information was immediately transmitted to the office of DD/I, who was originally interested in the item.

3. It is estimated that the annual rental for a United Press ticker service from 8:30 a.m. to midnight would be, approximately \$1300, including multiple paper rolls. It is requested that this expenditure, which has not been provided for in OCI's budget estimate for FY 1953, be approved, in order to avoid soliciting information by telephone from sources outside this agency.

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